1	2	3	4
16	Punjab	5·79	11·08
17	Rajasthan	61·94	33·26
18	Sikkim	1·02	0·52
19	Tamil Nadu	103·16	79·68
20	Tripura	1·78	1·52
21	Uttar Pradesh	148·37	131·16
22	West Bengal	49·89	56·18
23	A&N Islands	0·85	0·21
24	Arunachal Pradesh	0·83	0·03
25	Chandigarh	0·18	0·02
26	D&N Haveli	0·94	Nil
27	Delhi	0·13	0·17
28	Goa, Daman & Diu	2·86	1·21
29	Lakshadweep	0·72	0·36
30	Mizoram	0·55	0·68
31	Pondicherry	1·10*	0·32
	TOTAL	964·81	826·98

*Figures upto August 1985.

Workers in the INDO-German Fertiliser Education Project

2030. SHRI O.J. JOSEPH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether workers of the Hindustan Fertiliser Corporation working in the Indo-German Fertiliser Education Project were assured to the effect that their services will not be terminated after the project is closed as they are permanent employees of the Corporation;

(b) if so, the reasons for the issue of termination notices to the workers after the project was closed in September, 1985;

(c) whether the Government of West Bengal has made certain suggestions to the Central Government for continuation of the project; and

(d) if so, what decision Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation (HFC) have reported that the management had assured the employees of Indo-German Fertilizer Education Project that they could not be retrenched even on the expiry of the Indo-German Fertilizer Education Project as the management assessed that their services would be utilised on similar jobs in other foreign aided project e.g. Indo-British Fertilizer Education Project or other projects to be executed by Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation.

(b) The Company (HFC) has further reported that it was in accordance with this assurance that even

on the expiry of Indo-German Fertilizer Education Project, termination notices were not issued. On the other hand, in accordance with the spirit of the assurances they have been given options to said employees to work against posts available under other foreign aided projects viz. Indo-British Fertilizer Education Project and Dry-Land Farming Project.

(c) The Government of West Bengal have requested for the continuation of the Project.

(d) It has not been found possible to accede to the request of the Government of West Bengal. However, as mentioned at (b), alternative avenues for continued employment have been offered to the said employees.

Delay in construction of captive power plant for the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation

2031. SHRI O.J JOSEPH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation about delay in the erection of captive power plant for the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation at Durgapur;

(b) the time taken for building up the power plant at Durgapur;

(c) what are the reasons for the delay; and

(d) by when the work is expected to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (d) The project was scheduled to be completed by middle of 1981. It is now expected to be completed by end of 1985, a slippage of four and half years approximately.

(c) The main reasons for the delay are:—

(i) general industrial unrest of the contractor's labour at the work site;

(ii) the contractor's shop, and

(iii) at the establishment of a major equipment supplier.

Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilisers Plant at Malkapur

2032. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT :

SHRI SURESH KALMADI :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers have carried out feasibility study of a fertilizer plant at Malkapur; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Survey on the Availability of Camels in Gujarat and Rajasthan

2033. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a pilot survey has been conducted by the Zoological Survey of India or any other department or agency on the availability of camels in Gujarat and Rajasthan;